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TO: SAIGON

24 OCTOBER 1963

FROM: DIRECTOR 78141

REF A. SAIGON 1896

B. SAIGON CRITIC NO. 1

1. IN FUTURE DO NOT REPEAT NOT PUT MESSAGES RE COUP
PLOTS OR RUMORS IN CRITIC CHANNEL. RATHER YOU SHOULD SLUG
THEM IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FOR MR. MC CONE.

2. AS INDICATED CAS 77878 AND SEPARATE CABLE BEING
SENT AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL HARKINS, WE HERE ARE CONCERNED
AT POSSIBILITIES OF DON LEADING CONEIN (AND THRU HIM UNITED
STATES) DOWN GARDEN PATH TO CONTROL OUR EFFORTS AT LEAST,
TO ENTRAP CONEIN AT MOST. THUS BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL WE
DEVELOP SOME OF PROTECTIONS OUTLINED CAS 77878, ESPECIALLY
TO BRING SOME DEGREE DENIABILITY FOR AMBASSADOR AND GENERAL
HARKINS INTO PICTURE.

3. CAS WASHINGTON NOW ENGAGED IN EFFORT IDENTIFY AND
SEPARATE THE DIFFERENT COUP GROUPS, THEIR INTERRELATIONSHIPS
AND OVERLAPS AND THEIR COMPARATIVE MERITS FROM U. S. VIEWPOINT.
WILL CABLE OUTLINE TO YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT MEANWHILE
INVITE YOUR URGENT ATTENTION TO A SIMILAR EFFORT TO UNTANGLE
THE SEPARATE THREADS IN THIS SKEIN.

END OF MESSAGE

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